

Tailwinds



Come join us for our first meeting of the new year. Thursday, January 3, 2013

**Social 7PM
Meeting will begin at 7:30PM**

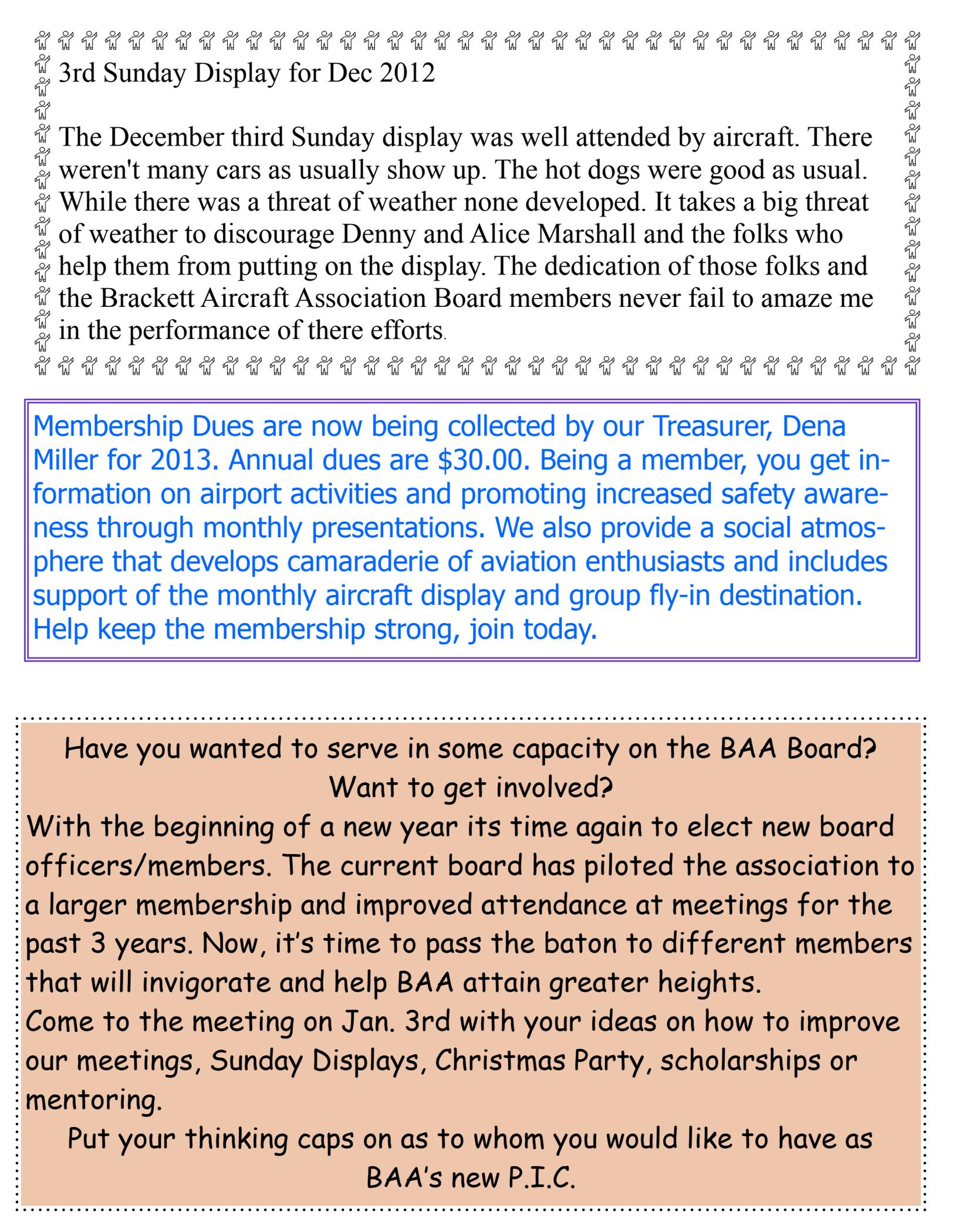
**Real Pilot Stories
(courtesy of AOPA Air Safety)
with Panel Discussion to follow.**

“The Impossible Turn”

Dave Keller needed to land immediately—but rather than landing straight ahead or off to the side, he chose to execute the “Impossible Turn” back to the airport: a risky and often fatal maneuver.

“Vacuum failure in IMC”

Donna Wilt’s vacuum failure was in solid IMC and thunderstorms.



3rd Sunday Display for Dec 2012

The December third Sunday display was well attended by aircraft. There weren't many cars as usually show up. The hot dogs were good as usual. While there was a threat of weather none developed. It takes a big threat of weather to discourage Denny and Alice Marshall and the folks who help them from putting on the display. The dedication of those folks and the Brackett Aircraft Association Board members never fail to amaze me in the performance of there efforts.

Membership Dues are now being collected by our Treasurer, Dena Miller for 2013. Annual dues are \$30.00. Being a member, you get information on airport activities and promoting increased safety awareness through monthly presentations. We also provide a social atmosphere that develops camaraderie of aviation enthusiasts and includes support of the monthly aircraft display and group fly-in destination. Help keep the membership strong, join today.

Have you wanted to serve in some capacity on the BAA Board?
Want to get involved?

With the beginning of a new year its time again to elect new board officers/members. The current board has piloted the association to a larger membership and improved attendance at meetings for the past 3 years. Now, it's time to pass the baton to different members that will invigorate and help BAA attain greater heights.

Come to the meeting on Jan. 3rd with your ideas on how to improve our meetings, Sunday Displays, Christmas Party, scholarships or mentoring.

Put your thinking caps on as to whom you would like to have as
BAA's new P.I.C.

What a fabulous time we had at the Christmas Party! It was our biggest gathering so far. The food was great- thank you 'Twisted Sage Café', of San Dimas.

Big Thanks goes to Dena, Rick, Janie, Joan, Shell, Bill for the decorations and room set up. Music and lighting provided by our newest member, Mike Wood. Thanks to all who helped clean up in no time at all.

Also, Thank You to all our donors. See list below.

I posted the Christmas photos that Dena took in our airport information box in the lobby.

Christmas Raffle prize donors

Five Doors Down Salon

Aircraft Spruce-Corona

American Airports Association

Carl Miller CFII

Casa Del Rey-San Dimas

Dena Miller

Jane and Frank Signoa

John's Pilot Shop

LG Health-N-Beauty

Lily's Nail and Spa- San Dimas

NAI

Pension Portfolios-The Charlebois

Pinnacle Peak Resultant-San Dimas

Shell Bresin CFII

Sigtronics

Tulipano Italian Restaurant

Twisted Sage Café- San Dimas

James Asher

A Note from Your President, Frank Signoa

To all members and aviation enthusiasts I wish a happy and great New Year. I also wish the same to the Brackett Airport Association board members and thank them for the outstanding work they've done bringing us outstanding meeting programs, third Sunday monthly antique aircraft and car display as well as keeping us informed of aviation activities, through our secretary Phyllis Van Arsdale's efforts, culminating the year with a great Christmas party and dinner.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WINGS PROGRAM

The FAA introduced the Wings Program in an effort to reduce the number of accidents in General Aviation. The concept that more proficient pilots are safer pilots.

The BAA, has in the past, and will continue to promote Safety in General Aviation by hosting Wings Safety programs. We will schedule these programs, one per calendar quarter.

For the pilots to make the most of this program, they should sign up on the FAA web site:

www.faasafety.gov. Some of the advantages include discounts on aircraft, extension of the Biannual Flight Review date. Please read the following for a quick synopsis of the program.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know and I will try to answer them.

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WINGS PILOT PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Why Participate

- Completing targeted, consistent training will make you a safer pilot.
- Each time you complete a phase of WINGS, your Flight Review Date is extended for 24 calendar months from the month in which you completed the Phase. For example, if you complete a phase of WINGS on March 6, 2011, your Flight Review Date will be extended to March 31, 2013.
- Pilots may earn a Phase of WINGS using a seaplane and get a distinctive Sea WINGS pin for that accomplishment. Be sure to modify your Airman Profile to show you hold a seaplane rating. The system will check that you actually hold a Seaplane rating when you request the Sea WINGS pin.

The Basics

WINGS has 3 Levels: Basic, Advanced and Master. Within each Level, you can complete as many Phases as you wish. In addition, you can complete a Phase of WINGS as often as you would like. To complete each Phase, you must earn 6 credits consisting of 3 Knowledge credits (Courses, Seminars, or Activities) and 3 Flight credits. The primary focus of each activity determines what credit it qualifies for.

The Basic Level of WINGS is open to all pilots; this is the initial level of the WINGS Program. It is designed for those pilots wanting a recurrent training program that will provide them a higher level of proficiency than simply preparing for a normal Flight Review. Six credits are needed:

- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 1 - Aeronautical Decision Making
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 2 - Performance and Limitations (or Runway Safety)
- 1 Credit of Knowledge Topic 3 - Preflight Planning, Risk Management, and Fuel Management (or other safety topics as shown in the Knowledge 3 syllabus)
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 1 - Takeoffs and Landings
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 2 - Positive Aircraft Control
- 1 Credit of Flight Topic 3 - Basic Flying Skills

You are required to complete a Phase in the Basic Level of WINGS before you can earn a phase in the Advanced or Master levels. For pilots desiring to demonstrate a higher level of proficiency, the WINGS Program offers two additional skill levels, Advanced and Master WINGS. In order to participate at the Advanced level, you must demonstrate proficiency one grade above the proficiency demonstrated at the initial WINGS Level. The Master Level is one standard higher than the Advanced Level.

- For example, a pilot who demonstrated Private Pilot skills for the Basic Level will be required to demonstrate skills meeting Commercial Pilot standards for the Advanced WINGS Level.
- Some activities may only be worth half a credit (.50), while more complex activities may be worth 2 or more credits. Some activities complete an entire Phase!
- The Knowledge 2 topic can be filled by either a Performance and Limitations activity or a Runway Safety activity, or both!
- The knowledge 3 topic can be filled by either a Preflight Planning, Risk Management, and Fuel Management topic or one of the Other topics listed.
- To complete a Phase, all required credits must be completed within 12 months. If a credit expires before you complete a phase, you must earn that credit again.
- When you're done with a Phase of WINGS, simply print your certificate and begin your next Phase. A new set of activities for your next Phase will be automatically loaded onto your WINGS checklist.

How to Sign up – go to: WWW.FAASAFETY.GOV

BAA Mission Statement:

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BAA Board



President: Frank Sigona
Vice President: Rick VanArsdale
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Program Chairman: Mark Bassam
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Come to the meetings to get and give ideas on how we/you can improve the airport community of Brackett.

Together we can make it great!